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"I'm Learning To Be a Lot Better Boy"

By ED P. DEWEES

Thus writes one of the 345 boys who attended the 10th annual season of Boys' Camps under sponsorship of the Ninety and Nine men of the state. Another lad says: "There is only one thing wrong with Boys' Camp—it don't last long enough." A third writes: "Boys' Camp is where you can go and have fun without seeing people standing around smoking and swearing." Certainly these expressions bear witness of the training in Christian living which the boys experience during the week of camp. Couple this training with the careful teaching of Christ's invitation to all to become His followers and the fruit is 51 good confessions (first three camps only) from that percentage of boys who were not Christians when they came to camp. These boys have gone to their home churches to be baptized before their friends and loved ones and thus bear witness for Christ. For the boys who have taken that step and are seeking to "grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man," the following quotation sums up the answer to the prayers of all the men who are backing these camps: "I learned to find verses in the Bible and I think it really brought God closer to my heart and I intend to come every year that I can. It has helped me and a lot of other kids to be good followers of Christ."

In the first of the four camps, held at Bridge, 60 boys were registered and there were 21 confessions of faith. Len Fishback was dean, assisted by Liston Parrish of Coquille, and Newell Morgan and wife of Sutherlin. Phil Ryan was business manager. Other faculty members were John Stotsenburg (now pastor at Cheney, Washington), Alger Fitch, Dallas Meserve, Ralph Holcomb and Bob Pruitt—N.C.C. students; and Willie White, director, assisted by his wife Emma Lou. Immediately following the close of this camp the "travelling faculty" headed for the two-week session at Turner. In the first camp, for the 10-12 year-olds, 139 boys were registered. Of these, 27 made the good confession. Gene Robinson was dean and your correspondent was business manager. In the second camp, for boys 12 years and up, there were 76 registered and three confessions of faith. Many of these boys completed their fourth year in camp and received their diplomas, awarded for the first time this year. Howard Cole was dean, and Bill Morse business manager for this camp.

In the final camp of the season at Anthony Lakes for the Eastern Oregon boys, there were 70 registrations—some jump from the 37 last year. Art Stanley served as dean and Lynn Hampton as business manager. Other faculty members were from the ranks of Eastern Oregon ministers. The Whites were there to round out their month of camp life. Final word on the work of this camp had not been received when this copy was written, but from all indications it should prove a fitting climax to a most fruitful year in this part of the building of Christ's kingdom. To all who have rendered freely of their time and efforts to make these camps a success we express our sincere appreciation.

"Millenium Minute Men"

Since Willie White "fired" the first historic shot in this campaign to help insure the growth of brand new churches of Christ in Oregon by giving them a boost on their building funds, interest has mounted by the hour. Already the signatures are coming in from men who wish to be counted in the honor roll of 1,000 men who will "at a minute's notice" give at least $1 toward the building fund of any New Testament church which we shall organize in this state. The dollars are accompanying the signatures and many are accepting the challenge to start off right by including three of our young churches in their designations—Glendale, Sutherlin, and Seaside. If information concerning this plan has not reached your church, write to Walter A. Barnes, 1408 S. E. 22nd, Portland 15, for it and let him know approximately how many of the MILLENIUM MINUTE MEN pledge envelopes you need. The instructions for enlisting your men and forwarding funds are simple, but we do wish to have an accurate accounting of the funds coupled with correct names and addresses.

Yamhill District Over the Top

Whatever kind of bug it takes to get men interested in evangelism must be prevalent in Yamhill county.

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GOLDIE WELLS RETURNS TO AFRICA

By MURIEL JORDAN

Oregon's own Goldie Wells entrained for Indianapolis Monday evening, August 28, on the first leg of a journey that will take her back to her chosen life work as a missionary to the people of the Belgian Congo. Ill health forced her to return to this country a year ago for a long rest and physical check-up. While she is feeling remarkably improved she will still have to undergo a rigid examination in the Mayo clinic before she will be allowed to return to Africa. Miss Wells will be accompanied by a missionary nurse who is to be stationed in a hospital on the Congo. Those who attended the Turner convention owe a debt of gratitude to Goldie for the stirring messages concerning her mission work, and for the renewed vision and insight into the hearts and lives of the peoples of the world who are without Christianity.

Miss Wells was the motif for a lovely farewell tea on the afternoon of August 28, arranged in her honor by members of the Women's Council of the First Christian Church, Portland, and held in the church parlor.

Warners Go to The Dalles

Rev. and Mrs. C. Warner have accepted a call to the church at The Dalles, going there from Hermiston where they have enjoyed a successful pastorate. Mrs. Warner is secretary of District VII of the Women's Missionary Society and has been active in extending the work in Eastern Oregon.

A Correction

Due to a typographical error the name of Mrs. H. W. Torgerson was omitted from the list of state officers of the Women's Missionary Board. Mrs. Torgerson has served as Children's Superintendent for several years and will continue her work in the same capacity this year. She acted as supervisor of the Vacation Bible School at Portland Central Church and conducted leadership training schools at Coquille and Port Orford within the past few weeks.

Oregon Gave More

The annual financial statement from U.C.M.S. for the giving of adult missionary organizations in Oregon for the year just ended showed a larger total than the state secretary's records would indicate. The total credited to us is $14,362.77, a gain of $4,114.42 over last year.

Smith-Leslie Vows

Miss Muriel Leslie, State Young People's Superintendent, became the bride of Mr. Jean Smith at a beautifully appointed wedding in the First Christian Church, Portland, August 13. They will make their home in Portland and she will continue in her youth work.

C.Y.F. Goals

The National Christian Youth Fellowship movement which correlates all youth work in the church, has set a goal of every person winning another this year, and a financial goal of $40,000 for the World Friendship Fund. This money is to be divided four ways: $25,000 to pay travel expenses of active missionaries to and from the field; $5,000 to help expand the work of the Yakima Indian Mission at White Swan, Washington; $5,000 for the Mexican Christian Institute; and $5,000 for student training in religious education. Miss Kathleen Shannon, National Director of the Christian Youth Fellowship, sends her congratulations and a note of appreciation for the achievements of Oregon youth this past year.

Ruth Mitchell in India

A most interesting letter came recently from Ruth Mitchell, missionary nurse, who has returned to her work in the Jackman Memorial Hospital in Bilaspur, India, after a long and eventful journey from the United States with stopovers of various lengths of time in Central America, Paraguay, Argentina, South Africa, and thence to India. Miss Mitchell was accompanied by Miss Anna Bender, also a trained missionary nurse.

Miss Mitchell told of being met at the station by the entire staff of the hospital and nursing home, and being decked with garlands of flowers in spite of the 110 degree heat. She mentions the happy reunion with Miss Clark, the Smileys, Dr. Solomon and others of the mission staff.

Regarding economic conditions due to the war, I quote Miss Mitchell's words: "The effects of war and famine in this area are very evident. A great pile of material is here on the compound to be used for shelter in case of air raids. Military trucks are seen

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SUMMER CONFERENCES REACH NEW HIGH MARK

The program of young people's work, sponsored by the State Educational Committee, reached especially high heights this year. At Turner there were 107 young people registered in the West Oregon Conference. There were three who confessed faith in Christ and 14 dedications to special ministry. At Cove, in East Oregon Conference, there were 68 registrants, including intermediates. Of this number 15 were not Christians when they came. Thirteen made the confession there, and one acknowledged Christ the next Sunday in her home church; nine dedicated themselves to Christian work. At Bridge, in Southern Oregon Conference, there were 60 registered, including intermediates. Of these, six took Christ as Lord, two transferred from denominational fellowship, and eight volunteered for Christian service.

At Turner a beginning was made in a separate Intermediate camp, known as Pioneer Camp. There were 68 registered and on the closing day four confessed Christ. This gave us a net of 27 confessions of faith, two from denominations, and 31 decisions for Christian ministry.

It is stated above that intermediates were enrolled at Cove and Bridge. The resources of these two places were not enough to warrant a regular Pioneer Camp. The combination worked out beautifully, in some respects it was better than the separation as at Turner.

Miss Pease has closed her work at Vanport. She has accepted a position in the Roseburg public schools. She has done splendid work in Vanport and we regret losing her.

Englewood Plans School

Englewood, under the leadership of C. Alton Brostrom, pastor, is making plans for a leadership training school. The date is not definitely cleared at this writing but the probabilities are that it will be sometime in September. Other churches in the city are invited to participate.

Rally Day

Rally Day is just around the corner. According to the calendar it is the first Sunday in October. Some schools find it more convenient to observe it on the last Sunday in September, others the second Sunday in October. The exact day does not matter. But it does matter that Rally Day should be observed.

Fundamentally, Rally Day should be a rallying of the forces for the beginning of the fall campaign. The planning for the campaign should be completed previously to Rally Day so that this day can be used for release of program and giving it a big kick-off.

Quite frequently the main drive for Rally Day is a big crowd. To get everybody and their kin-folk there is the acme of success. This is not true. It is possible to get so many people present that the real value of the day has been lost. An earnest effort should be made to get every enrolled person present. Non-enrolled people should not be neglected but the burden of effort should not be spent thus. Make it a great day—great in attendance, yes; but still greater in organization for the year's work and greater in inspiration and consecration.

Rally Day Offering

For more than 30 years our schools have been asked for an offering on Rally Day for State Missions. These have been increasingly generous. These offerings are used in Oregon. They do not go to Unified Promotion, there to be credited and only a portion sent back—but the whole offering remains in Oregon, and is to be sent direct to the state office. May we not have yours promptly?

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Week of the Ministry

The Week of the Ministry is to be observed this year October 15-22. This is sponsored by the Pension Fund, and is designed to create a better appreciation of the work of the ministry. Supplies and suggestions are available by writing The Pension Fund, 800 Test Building, Indianapolis 4, Indiana. An increasing number of churches are observing this week each year.

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

For several years past a world-wide communion Sunday has been observed throughout the Christian world, all communions participating in it. With the emphasis that disciples of Christ place on the communion service, every church among us should be eager to participate. This year the date is October 1. Appropriate literature is prepared which can be secured for a nominal price from the Department of Evangelism, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ, 297th Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Let all our churches in Oregon participate.

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A Year of Dedication

It is very appropriate that our churches throughout the country should be called upon to enter into a "year of dedication" program. "The church must plan its program, not in terms of its limitations in personnel or money, but in terms of the souls that must be saved, the world that must be redeemed, regardless of the cost or the sacrifice that is necessary to achieve it. The call is for dedication of self, of life, of possessions, of service and purpose." For further information concerning this important program write to Unified Promotion, Missions Building, Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

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EVANS' DATES

B. Ross Evans, state evangelist, is dated up for several months ahead. He has been vacationing during July and August, taking off some of the surplus poundage while on the farm. He will commence his fall program at Dufur on September 3. Then he goes successively to Yoncalla, Central Point, Carlton, Ione, Wallowa, Harrisburg, Florence and Yamhill. Unless a date is cancelled he will not have free time until May. Brother Evans has done a wonderfully constructive work as state evangelist.

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DEADLINE FOR COPY

The deadline for copy is the Monday before the last Tuesday of the month. The great bulk of the paper is devoted to interests other than general news items so it is not guaranteed at all that your news will appear in the current issue if it does not reach the copy desk until the deadline. The space that can be allotted to news may be filled up by that time. If you will get your news items in several days before the deadline date, we will try to condense it so all may appear.

CENTENNIAL FUND

July 1 to August 25, 1944
New Pledges

AMITY: Mary Q. Morse, $5 pd; Wm. George Morse, $5 pd; Ivan R. Shields, $25 pd; Laura Judy, $10 pd; Ernestine Prunk, $5 pd.

ASTORIA: Colleen Faye Caldwell, $5 pd.

CARLTON: Ladies' Council, $5 pd; Church, $5 pd; Bertha George, $5 pd.

DALLAS: G. W. Sumpter, $25 pd.

DAYTON: J. L. Finley, $5 pd; Harry Sherman, $15; Jack Sherman, $5; Bill Sherman, $5; Roy Will, $25; Martha K. Dower, $5; Helen Dower, $5; Lee Anna Meserve, $5 pd; Vernon Thompson, $25; E. A. Bienz, $25; Fred Bienz, $25; Lester Bienz, Sr., $25; Irene Manning, $1 pd; Helen J. Manning, $1 pd; Electa Demaray, $1 pd.

EUGENE FIRST: Hugh McCallum, $10 pd; Mrs. Anna Bailey, $25; W. W. Minton, $10; Alma S. Jepson, $25; Sally Diane Friese, $1; Charles Edward Lane, $1 pd; Vicki Pearl English, $1 pd; Lillian E. Brockman, $10 pd; Mrs. P. O. and Frederick Daniels, $2 pd; J. D. Hicks, $5; R. Lewis Brown, $2 pd; Orville M. Brown, $1 pd; Lloyd D. Brown, $1 pd; Herbert Brown, $1 pd; Mrs. Mary E. McFarland, $5 pd; Elsie Sellar, $10 pd; Andrew Olsen, $5 pd; Elmer M. and Emily M. Patterson, $25 pd; Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Stivers, $5 pd; Mrs. Clara G. Esson, $5 pd; A. L. Hill, $25 pd; Aaron Wilson, $10 pd; Levi Wilson, $10 pd; Gerald Keith Wilson, $10 pd; Mrs. Ella A. Day, $100.

FAIRMOUNT: R. H. Leigh, $5; Mary Leigh, $5; Laverne Leigh, $5; Nora Leigh, $5.

FRANKLIN: Norman Purkerson, $5 pd.

JEFFERSON: Guy Apperle, $10 pd.

KLAMATH FALLS: Mrs. Elona Kafton, $2 pd; L. I. Brooks, $10 pd.

MILL CITY: Ercil Wilson, $20 pd; Janie Lynn Wilson, $5 pd; Betty Lou Humphreys, $5 pd; Leland Ross Humphreys, $5 pd; Clarice Marie Humphreys, $5 pd; Mrs. J. F. Potter, $10; Mrs. C. A. Bruder, $5 pd; A. Daly, $5 pd.

NEWBERG: Aldon Wilkie, $10 pd.

OAKLAND: Dr. R. L. Dunn, $50, pd $10.

PERRYDALE—Raymond Helseth, $5 pd.

PLEASANT HILL: H. C. Wheeler, $10 pd.

PORTLAND CENTRAL: L. S. Rice, $5 pd; Evelyn Rice, $5 pd; Stanley Rice, $5 pd.

PORTLAND FIRST: A Friend, $50 pd.

PORTLAND KERN PARK: Mrs. A. Karp, $10 pd.

SALEM FIRST: Charles A. Johnson, $25 pd; Clay J. Pomeroy, $5 pd.

SHERIDAN: Edna Lamson, $2 pd; Ethel Townsend, $10 pd; Ethel Ottenger, $2 pd; Lloyd Faulconer, $10; Ted Williams, $2 pd; Harl Wood, $25 pd; A. R. Baird, $10; W. L. Wilbur, $5 pd; James Bartholomew, $5 pd; Tony F. Braley, $2 pd; T. E. Blair, $10 pd; Lloyd Severns, $10 pd; Allen L. Lee, $5.

STAYTON: Mrs. Edwin Peters, $50 pd.

TILLAMOOK: J. S. Brown, $100 pd.

TRENT: W. L. Wheeler, $5 pd; R. S. Baughman, $5 pd.

TURNER: Lois Harvie, $1 pd; Tim Robinson, $1 pd.

WILLAMINA: Helen Kenshaw, $5 pd; Andrew Kenshaw, $1 pd.

WOODBURN: James Earl Ladd, Jr., $25; Patricia Houseweart, $1 pd; Phyllis Anderson, $1 pd; H. C. Stuwe family, $5 pd; Clarence Aline, $5 pd; G. J. Newman family, $4; Averil J. Mitchell, $5; Ross R. Newman, $5; L. A. Esson, $5 pd; W. E. Payzant and Eldon, $2 pd; Marvin Mattson, $5 pd; Dick Jennings, $1 pd; Vernon Dobson, $1 pd.

Payments on Previous Pledges

BAKER: Church, $40.

CARLTON: Walter Wills, $50; Mary George, $5.

KLAMATH FALLS: C. S. Robertson, $10; A. E. Bailey, $5; Frank W. Fortna, $10; A. C. Bates, $10; Church, $22.22.

LEBANON: Donna Lee Plymale, $10; Ray Plymale, $10; Bennie W. Plymale, $2; Muriel Morrison, $5; Lettie Morrison, $5; Myrtle Parrish, $1; Roderick McDonald, $4.

MILL CITY: H. I. Plymale, $20; Tom Shelton, $25; Church, $50; Mrs. Eathel Hill, $10; Nellie Charpilloz Howe, $20.

NEWBERG: Jean Cunningham, $5; Norene Johnson, $5; Mrs. Frieda Moore, $5; Dr. and Mrs. I. R. Root, $10; Ray L. Parrish, $10.

PENDLETON: Church, $25.

PORTLAND ENGLEWOOD: Gerald Rudberg, $5; Allen Rudberg, $5; Agnes Tethrow, $4; Sadie Bennett, $10.

PORTLAND FIRST: Courtney Swander, $5; C. F. Swander, $5.

PORTLAND KERN PARK: L. L. Arnett, $35; Vaughn Boak, $10; Peggy Jean Henry, $5; Delores Arnett, $10; The Tan-Ditters, $5.

PORTLAND ST. JOHNS: Church, $20.

SALEM FIRST: Church, $100.

SHERIDAN: L. M. Kaufman, $50.

STAYTON: Eldon Champ, $3; William Poole, $30; Church, $50.

TILLAMOOK: Church, $65.

WILLAMINA: Dana Matocha, $5.

YAMHILL: J. Fred Stilwell, $10.

MISCELLANEOUS: W. S. Crockett, $2.

If you find an error in credit, or in spelling of name, or any other, please notify the state office. Accuracy is our aim, but the human equation is weak. Only by cooperation can we hope to have it correct.

On this date (August 25) the total amount of pledges and cash in the Centennial Fund is $24,491.15.

State Offerings

July 1 to August 25, 1944

CHURCHES: Amity, $15; Crabtree, $25; Central Point, $25; Coquille, $62.39; Dufur, $42.60; Elkton, $18.34; Eugene, $102.15; Forest Grove, $75; Fall Creek, $20; Florence, $5; Klamath Falls, $13; Kern Park, $35.14; Milton, $39; Marcola, $11; Nyssa, $14.46; North Bend, $16.62; Ontario, $7.50; Pendleton, $89.63; Prineville, $76; Falls City, $15; Sheridan, $19.75; St. Johns, $30; Salem First, $50; Stayton, $25; Vanport, $115.96; Yamhill, $12.

SCHOOLS: Baker, $10; Nyssa, $3.15; Ontario, $2; Pleasant Hill, $25; Sheridan, $5.38.

INDIVIDUALS: Goldie Wells, $5; Rex and Eileen Lawson, $5; Mrs. A. M. Peterson, $10; Gerald Richardson, $2; The Tan-Ditters, $2.

PERMANENT FUND: On interest, $49.18; on principal, $138.82; W. Taylor Cooper, $100 defense bond.

Goals for 1944-45

Churches have taken kindly to the goals plan. We shall try to get goal suggestions ready and mailed to the churches before the first of October so they may be considered at the October board meetings. The offerings the past year have been the greatest in our history. Let us try to exceed them the coming year.

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Centennial Dates

A. C. Bates, centennial evangelist, will spend the fall time in Eastern Oregon. He has been in strong demand, and his work has been highly successful. Never have the churches taken hold of a project in Oregon more enthusiastically than this centennial program. The campaign for the $50,000 fund is only eight months old yet and we have practically half the amount asked for. The summer season has not caused the interest to wane. In addition to taking pledges for the centennial, Brother Bates has sold more than 200 copies of "Making Disciples in Oregon." To all who are anxious for his appearance in their churches we say, Write him for a date. But on account of gas rationing he will not be able to respond in the order of requests. He will necessarily have to clean up a whole section of the state at one time. So do not get discouraged. Brother Bates wants to get to you as much as you want him.

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A NEW DAUGHTER

Came to live with Alger and Betty Fitch on July 14. Now we'll expect greatly improved sermons in the Milwaukie Church, Alger.

DIRECT SUPPORT NEWS

We regret that the copy for this column did not reach us in time for inclusion in this issue. J. Frank Cunningham is responsible for it and we are inclined to think that the failure is not wholly his. Some time ago we had a letter from him asking about the time for copy due for this issue. We replied to him, but the deadline date has passed by and the copy is not here. To hold the paper longer would delay reaching readers a full week. We do not wish to do that. We trust that this will not happen again.—Editor.

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MORE IMPROVEMENTS

At the last meeting of the State Board it was voted to paint the letters on the front of the tabernacle. Everyone will appreciate that. We are now in search of someone to do it. We have had a nibble but no contract has been signed yet. It was voted also to reshingle the restaurant. We may not be able to do this before next spring. Elery Parrish was made chairman of the Centennial Committee to succeed Claude Sabin. Everyone concedes that this was a fine choice. The radio committee was authorized to secure suitable time for the continuance of the centennial broadcast. This has been done. James Earl Ladd is the new hairman of that committee. It was voted, too, to send out to the churches a postal card request for baptisms each month. We are hoping by this means to secure a report of every baptism in the state so we may know how nearly we reach to our 10,000 baptisms in five years. The first card will be sent shortly after the first of September and will call for the report for July and August.

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FAREWELLS

It is not often that Oregon is called upon to give farewell receptions to more than one of its prominent workers at one time. But that is the case this fall. On August 28 goodbys were said to Goldie Wells at the First Christian Church in Portland. She took the train for Indianapolis that same evening, and as soon as all arrangements are completed she will leave for Congoland.

Again on September 8 farewells were said to the Byerlees in St. Johns Church. They will be leaving a little later in the month to resume their work in Africa. Both the Byerlees and Goldie are claimed by all Oregon as their own. A special interest is felt in them. We do not say, Goodby; but, Good luck and another homecoming in due time.

CHURCHES SET NEW RECORDS IN BENEVOLENCE

MRS. LAURA K. HILL, Superintendent

Reports for the 1944 Year Book show that during the year ending June 30, 1944, benevolence shared with other work in generous support by the churches. Oregon churches have set new records. Five are Front Line Churches in Benevolence with contributions of more than $300. They are: Eugene First, Milton, Portland First, Portland St. Johns, and Salem Court Street. Twenty more gave over $100. The 10 leaders among these are: Tillamook, $268.99; Pendleton, $253.06; Albany, $245; Salem First, $232.32; Portland Central, $227; Oregon City, $210.07; Medford First, $203.09; Lebanon, $199.55; Corvallis, $192.79, Warrenton, $191.68.

A Dollar Per Member

Thirteen churches are in a special class with contributions of $1.00 or more per member on the resident membership of the 1943 project. These are Canby, Molalla, Warrenton, Sisters, Creswell, Hebron, Oakridge, Halsey, Harrisburg, Holly, Scio, Salem Court Street, and Portland St. Johns. Warrenton leads the list with $3.68.

The total reported giving for benevolence includes some sent to Children's Homes and some for the General Fund of the National Benevolent Association. Most of it is for Northwestern Christian Home. The total for the year from Oregon was $9,247.50; from the Northwestern area, $20,563.18. This enables us to put a substantial amount in reserve for future needs and emergencies.

New Guests Come

Mrs. Ersy Villa Delozier is a new guest at the Home. She was born in Jackson county, Ohio, May 19, 1866, and came from Port Orchard, Washington, August 6, 1944.

The applications of Brother and Sister Charles L. Dean have been approved and we expect them soon. Brother Dean is a retired minister who served many years in the Northwest and Rocky Mountain states.

Filling the Cupboard

Please pass the potatoes! Lack of labor, unfavorable season and shortage of water have limited garden production this summer. In recent weeks watering has been limited to one day a week with just about enough to keep shrubs and flowers alive. Our potato crop will last only through the fall. Contributions of potatoes will be especially appreciated.

Concrete walls and floor are finished and the roof and door will soon be done for our enlarged root storage house. This gives us good frostproof storage space for potatoes and other things which need it.

Thanks to Mr. Varner of Hillsboro for several special treats—eggs, rabbits, over 100 pounds of Salsuma plums, many of which have gone into beautiful jelly.

Some groups have already written asking for Christmas suggestions. It is not too early to prepare for Christmas in these busy times.

Bequests

A bequest of $100 from the estate of Brother and Sister Greengrass, of Puyallup, Washington, has recently come to the Building Fund of Northwestern Christian Home. Four hundred dollars came to the Endowment Fund of the Home, and like amounts to other Homes of The National Benevolent Association, from J. S. and Sallie E. Dearing.

Visits and Vacations

Several members of the family have enjoyed visits from friends and relatives this summer. Some of the family have gone visiting. Members of the staff have had vacations. Mrs. Hill expects to leave in September for a trip which will be a vacation and attendance at the International Convention. She will return before Thanksgiving.

We Press On

We enter another year surging with events that are making history. Over all the earth the Lord's work must go forward. Part of it is benevolence. The aged and the feeble must not be trampled, or forgotten, in the scramble of clashing forces. Let us make this year better than last in our support of benevolence.—Walter L. Myers.

SUMMER S-WANDERINGS

Many people have wondered why the secretary has been out of the office so much this summer. Read this and find out:

June 24, Went to Turner for convention. 25th, At Stayton with Kenneth Knox. Preached in the morning at church, and in afternoon at Union Hill, a country point. 26th to July 2, in state convention. July 3-9, Young people's conference with 107 registered. July 10-16, in Pioneer Camp at Turner with 68 intermediates registered. July 18-22, in office clearing up the accounts and getting out the OREGON CHRISTIAN. July 23, at Central Point with Gilbert Cays—dedication of improved building. July 24-26, in the Wallowa mountains with son home on furlough. July 27-August 5, in young people's conference at Cove with 78 registered. August 6, on road to Bridge for Southern Oregon conference. 60 registered. There until the 12th. Arrived home the night of the 12th. August 18 to September 2, on vacation, during which time we made up the pages of this paper, shingled the garage, and other sundry things which were badly needed. Attended church one Sunday at Multnomah where Raymond Alber was holding a meeting, Elery Parrish minister. The sermon was refreshing. Another Sunday listened to my own pastor at Portland First. It has been a busy summer. We are now refreshed for the fall work.

RADIO BROADCAST

Arrangements have been made to resume the radio broadcasts which were interrupted early in the summer. The committee has worked faithfully on this matter since convention time and is now ready to make its first announcement. The initial broadcast will be on September 5 over KWJJ at 12:45 p. m. We shall try to make announcement ahead in each issue of the paper. The committee deems it advisable to repeat in a measure some of the former messages for the sake of clarity. Herewith follow the speakers and topics for the first five presentations:

September 5, C. F. Swander, on "The Early Beginnings in Oregon."

September 12, Elery Parrish, "The Church that Jesus Built," No. 1.

September 19, Elery Parrish, "The Church that Jesus Built," No. 2.

September 26, James Earl Ladd, "The Church that Lost Its Way."

October 3, Charles H. Addleman, "The Church that Found Its Way."

Tune in on KWJJ, 1080 on your dial, at 12:45 on the above dates. It will help you to remember by the fact that it is on Tuesdays. Please write us whether or not you are able to pick up this station on your radio. Arrangements will be made to furnish the script of these messages for those who are on local stations.

Northwest Christian College Begins 11th Year

By KENNETH JOHNSTON

Faculty and students are looking forward to the 1944-45 school year which begins September 19 under the administration of the new president, Dr. Ross J. Griffeth. For the past decade the College has each year opened its doors to a more successful and prosperous year that the preceding one. We are confident that 1944-45 will see a still greater advance. We have an able president, a strong faculty, a large student body, a campus that is free of debt, and the generous support of friends and churches throughout the Northwest. We humbly ask your prayers that God may continue to bless and guide N.C.C. in the total program of training young people for the Christian ministry.

Griffeth and Rice in Eugene

We extend a hearty welcome to President Griffeth and family, and to Professor Rice and family. Both families arrived in Eugene about the first of September, and although the housing situation is a serious one, they are now located in their new homes.

Record Enrollment of Girls

Mrs. S. E. Stevens, Dean of Women, is working overtime in arranging for the housing of what promises to be the largest enrollment of women in the history of the college. The two campus dormitories will accommodate approximately one-third of the single girls who will be enrolled for the fall term of school. We are arranging for the others to live off the campus. It will be a great thing to have new dormitories that will be adequate to serve the total student body.

$10,000 to Dormitory Fund

A. J. Sprong, of Sunnyside, Washington, has recently made arrangements to contribute $10,000 to the dormitory fund as a memorial to his deceased wife, Mrs. Ida Sprong. We are thankful to Brother Sprong who is not only setting up a living memorial to his beloved wife, but is also, along with many other individuals and churches, making it possible for the college to have new dormitories.

More Churches Buy Rooms

Since last report the First Christian Churches of Boise, Idaho, and Milton, Oregon, have each voted to purchase a room for the new dormitory. This is in addition to their regular support to the college on the $1 per member minimum basis. We expect the dormitory rooms to cost from $1,000 to $1,200 each.

Contributions Higher

Contributions to the general and property funds for the year July 1, 1943, to June 30, 1944, are approximately 45 per cent higher than for the preceding year. This is due primarily to the large number of churches that are giving on the basis of $1 per member as the minimum for each year. This type of giving will finance the school adequately to make it a first-class institution in every respect.

Hoven House to Remain Open

The dormitory which the boys have named "Hoven House" will be open again this year under the cooperative system established by the boys who live there. Bill Baird has been chosen president this year. Some 25 students live in this house which is located opposite the campus on 11th street. There are no living quarters for boys on the campus.

Refrigerator for Dining Hall

The generosity of a good friend has made it possible for the dining hall to have a new, first-class, walk-in refrigerator. This meets a real need as it is the first electric refrigeration to be used in the dining hall. Mrs. Roxana Clark will be superintendent of the dining hall again this year and Mrs. Letcher will be in charge of the cooking.

Office Improvements

The Board of Trustees has authorized some much needed improvements in the college offices. They will greatly facilitate the office work by giving more privacy to administrative workers and teachers and to the secretarial help. The reception room has also been enlarged.

Library Improved

We express deep appreciation to friends of the college who have within the past few months contributed hundreds of volumes to the library. Mrs. K. E. Burke is librarian. Under her capable leadership the library is being completely reworked, using the Dewey decimal system. We look forward to continued expansion of this department as a part of this program. The board of trustees authorized the expenditure of $1,000 for new books.

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Rural Church Life

The Home Missionary Department of the United Society has recently instituted a new phase of work. A Director of Town and Country Church has been appointed who will give special attention to rural problems. Edwin L. Becker is the incumbent and is ready to give any assistance possible to small town and country churches.

In the terminology of rural life workers, a community of 2,500 or less is classified as rural. This may seem an artificial definition, and it probably is. But there has to be some line of demarcation and this has been chosen as the nearest correct that has yet been found. We have very few rural churches among us in Oregon. But there is not a church in a town of 2,500 that does not have a rural constituency. That places before them a rural problem.

We hope that some of these days Mr. Becker will be coming to Oregon and that he may confer with our "rural" pastors. If you would know more about his work write him at 222 Downey Ave., Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

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NEWBERG—Baptized three on June 25. J. Frank Cunningham, pastor.

FOREST GROVE — Six confessions and two by statement the eight weeks following Easter. Thirty young people and ten adults conducted a Youth Retreat at Nelscott June 4-8. Income from all departments for the year closing May 31 exceeded $12,000. A $1,000 church night held June 2 resulted in $1,047.71 cash for the building fund. $400 of this was from the estate of Lula K. Bayne. Hubert Sias is pastor.

LEBANON — Holly Roy Jarvis has been called for another year with a comfortable increase in salary. $1,200 has been paid on the parsonage debt, leaving only a like amount unpaid.

OREGON CITY—One baptism and 3 statements in July. L. T. Carstensen is entering N.C.C. in preparation for the ministry. In accord with custom the church presented him with half of one year's tuition. Thirty-two young people were sent to various summer camps. A $15,000 building program has been launched. A two weeks' indoctrination and evangelistic campaign is planned to begin September 10. Ray Smith is pastor.

NINETY AND NINE

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(Maybe some of Tan-Ditter's hornets got loose down that way). Last January this district raised its sights on a goal of $600—nearly three times that of the previous year—allocating $250 for the support of Juan Baronia in working with the Mexican farm laborers in the Dayton camp and $359 for the progress of the state Ninety and Nine. In the July rally held at Newberg (the convention city), 70 men and boys were in attendance. District pledges turned in amounted to $264.50, plus an offering of $25.57. Not only was the budget completed but more than $100 over. The district voted to purchase a communion set for the Seaside Christian church. Certainly these men deserve a cheer—along with the honor of entertaining the western section of the annual convention. The speaker for this victorious occasion was Brother Baronia, and he preached a real Ninety and Nine sermon to go out and bring in the lost sheep for Christ. The next Yamhill rally will be at Sheridan, September 18.

"Be Ye Doers of the Word"

The convention program committee has sounded a real call for action with this ringing theme from James 1:22. Certainly we have heard some great preaching in Oregon this past year; we are facing some great opportunities to build for Christ in this year ahead. The Planning and Budget Committee is busy shaping up a program that will test our faith, but must be proved by our works. The Evangelistic Committee has called Clifford Snyder to be a song leader and assistant to Brother White beginning October 1. While he has not been long in Oregon, he has already made a host of friends through his work and we are indeed happy that he is to serve on our evangelistic team.

In the field of stewardship we are nearing the grand finale of our current fiscal year. We set out last October to reach the highest goal we had yet attempted and the Lord has blessed the effort. As this paper goes to press receipts in pledges and offerings (by districts) are as follows:

Central Oregon, $28.21, Coos Bay, $20; Douglas, $100; East Oregon, $363.81; McKenzie, $126.80; Metropolitan—Northwest, $1,276.75; Mid-Columbia, $155.25; Southern, $10; Willamette, $797.56; Yamhill, $350. Offerings from the 1943 convention and other sources amounting to $110.04, plus Millenium Minute Men gifts of $49, swell the total of direct giving to $3,397.42. When the pledges made at the Turner banquet, and those made previously, are all completed we should soar over the $4,000 mark as against $2,407 raised last year. Shall we begin to be "doers" NOW that we may attain this prize? (Mail your funds to Brother Barnes early in the month to assist in getting the books closed by October 1. The eighth annual convention meets at Newberg October 9 and in Eastern Oregon October 11).

Flashes From the Field

The weeks following the Turner convention have been busy ones. On July 14 we visited with the Willamina men and boys in their first Father and Son banquet. If the first one is a fair sample they are going to have some task in seating the crowd next time. Some 60 were present—about 17 being the younger "boys"—to enjoy the fine fellowship and program. The next stop in the itinerary was another "first," the first visit and presentation of the Ninety and Nine work to the brand new church at Seaside on July 16. While theirs is a new work the members know how to extend a real welcome to their guests. On July 17 came that rousing rally at Newberg; July 23 brought a state executive committee meeting in Portland; July 30 a visit to Springfield services in the morning and Fairmount in the evening; and July 31 the McKenzie District rally in the Eugene First Church. While their attendance was not so large, the McKenzie men exhibited a spirit which bodes well for their future work. An offering of over $50 was turned in toward their budget goal. Their next meeting is scheduled for September 25 at Elmira. August 6 occasioned a visit to Salem Court Street in the morning, thence to Turner for the first Boys' Camp. August 13 brought a brief word to the Salem First Ninety and Nine class; the 20th, an all day visit to Vernonia with a gospel team; the 27th, a visit to Falls City; and the 28th, the Willamette District rally at Dallas. It has indeed been good to be with these brethren.

Postscript to Dewees

Word has just been received of the results of the Eastern Oregon Boys' Camp. There were 15 confessions of faith. This brings the total confessions at all four camps to 66.

The Ninety and Nine rally at Dallas August 28 had 76 men present. The district went over the top with its $1,000 goal. Holly Jarvis was the speaker.

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NORTH OREGON SERVICE CAMP

The North Oregon Service Camp held at Silver Creek Falls enrolled 174 students. There were 3 baptisms and 7 others confessed faith in Christ. J. Frank Cunningham was the director.

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PORTLAND FIRST—Earl Seitz, a former student at Eugene, more recently at The College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky, has been employed as associate pastor. He is on the field and we welcome him back to the state.

PORTLAND MALLORY—L. O. White has been called from Billings, Montana. He has accepted and will begin his work September 10. A welcome to him. May his stay be long and successful.

THE DALLES—Has called Cecil Warner from Hermiston. They certainly know a good man when they see one. Congratulations to both the church and Brother Warner.

YAMHILL—J. Fred Stilwell has closed his work and is looking for another pastorate. He prefers the eastern part on account of climate. He is a good man and will make some church a good pastor.

MILWAUKIE—Priority for building has been secured and construction will be begun early this fall. They have about $2,000 in the building fund and need about $3,000 more. Anyone who desires to help may do so in money or labor. Write to Mary Harding, 3006 Harrison St., Milwaukie. A meeting was held in August by Gene Robinson, assisted by Dallas Meserve and Bob Pruitt. Alger Fitch is pastor.

MEDFORD—Delbert W. Daniels, Tipton, Indiana, has accepted a call to Medford. He is now in the state but will be in Medford for September 10. We are glad to welcome Delbert back to Oregon and to one of our finest churches. Ward Rice, pastor for the past year, goes to N.C.C. and leaves a splendid record behind him. There have been 30 baptisms, 47 by statement; attendance increased; debt reduced to $900 and arrangements are made to pay this; missionary giving more than $2,500; vacation school with 109 enrolled; and church parsonage purchased.

GOLDIE RETURNS TO AFRICA

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everywhere. Labor is scarce and much more expensive—also the price of food and clothing is much higher. The hospital is very low on supplies and they are so precious that when available to us it is hard to keep them from being stolen by people who cannot buy them. Very few of our hospital beds have sheets these days. Paper is also expensive and scarce which makes teaching more difficult. But the work goes on in the same cheerful, cooperative spirit which makes working in a mission hospital such joy. It is the evident starvation that shocks me most—in spite of all I have been reading about shortages. Christian families that I remember as being always well fed now look quite undernourished and have that pinched expression that comes with emaciation. Wages are higher but money buys so much less."

She closes by saying that she hopes many of us will write her now that she has actually arrived there.

News From Congo

A recent copy of the Congo Newsletter contains some interesting sidelights on life in African mission stations, by Gertrude Shoemaker, the Hawes, Goldie Alumbaugh, and Herbert Smith. Among the educational notes Miss Shoemaker points out that the lack of books and printed material is a great handicap to the school work. Congolese have more money now than usual as their products find ready market in wartime, but the Congo mission press is shut down. Paper is unobtainable and the printer is home on furlough so the book situation is becoming desperate. Fortunately they have a large supply of New Testaments in both French and Lonkundo, the native African dialect.

The steamer Oregon, which carries the missionaries up and down 1,000 miles of the Congo river, is facing a serious situation with the woven steel cable badly damaged. The cost of a new one is around $200—if one is available.

The mother of Hattie Mitchell, living link missionary to the Congo, is reported seriously ill at the family home in Springfield.

Scouts Do Good Deed

"Why should we help people from other tribes? Is it not enough to help one's own family?" This is the attitude of many Congolese boys, so Miss Mitchell translated the Boy Scout Manual in shortened form into native Lonkundo so they could learn about a good deed each day and develop a larger, more unselfish outlook on life.

Growth of Congo Mission

During the past ten years the Church of Christ in Congo has grown from a membership of 43,038 to 54,714. During 1943 there were 2,166 baptisms and 139 Christian marriages performed. Nine hundred sixty-five native preachers and teachers carried on church work in 889 different localities. The Congo Christian Institute has 40 students and their wives enrolled, while interest in secondary schooling is constantly increasing. Interest, need and opportunity for Christian work in Congo is widespread and awaits additional workers.

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CENTRAL POINT—Dedicated new Sunday School rooms and general improvements on July 23. The cost was about $3,000. Gilbert Cays has done a splendid work there. There is a fine spiritual atmosphere in the church.

CENTRAL OREGON

Late word just as we go to press tells of 20 baptisms at the Redmond Church—seven by Ladd Howard at Redmond, and 13 from Powell Butte by D. L. Penhollow.

The word also carries the news that water is to be in Culver this year and many people are moving there and to Madras. We have a church building in both places. At Culver a Sunday School has continued under the leadership of Mrs. W. C. Barber. At Madras the building has been rented to the Baptists. Perhaps we may come back to our own in Ceniral Oregon after all again.

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BAKER—There have been 8 baptisms and 7 added otherwise since June 18. Attendance at all services has increased. Midweek service averages 30. Church building has been reroofed and a fund is on hond for redecorating the auditorium. Father and Son banquet will be held September 12, followed by a reception to new members. F. W. Zook is the pastor.

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OBITUARY

HAROLD GRIFFIS, pastor at Berkeley, California, died suddenly in his study recently. He will be well remembered by many as the pastor for 12 years at Portland First. His death is a great loss to the Christian ministry.

MRS. KATE RAMBO, living in California, died recently. She and her husband were formerly missionaries in India. During the reconstruction days following World War I, they were in charge of relief work in Armenia. For a number of years they made their home in Portland. They were pastors of the churches at Klamath Falls and Baker. A host of friends will grieve at her passing.

J. O. CAMERON, Odell, is reported as dying on Sunday, August 27. He was an elder in the Odell church, always on the job. When others talked about quitting he talked about going ahead. He has been our personal friends for many years. We extend our sincere sympathy to the wife that remains.

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The international convention will be held at Columbus, Ohio, October 17-22. Only two from Oregon have definitely been reported as going—Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Northwestern Christian Home, and Hubert Sias, pastor at Forest Grove. There are other possibilities and there will doubtless be a number of decisions at the last sour. This is an occasion of inspiration and fellowship. One who has never attended such a convention would do well to do so if possible. You should write ahead for hotel reservations. If you will write to the United Society you can get a list of the hotels and prices of rooms. Why shouldn't a church send its pastor?

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THE OREGON CHRISTIAN

The OREGON CHRISTIAN is going into about 125 or the 145 churches in the state. Is it being adequately distributed? Or is it just placed on a table for people to help themselves. Some churches place them inside their church bulletins. Others station someone at the door to hand one to every family. Are you making an effort to serve your congregation adequately with the OREGON CHRISTIAN?

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VALE—There was one confession and one by statement on July 23. Harrie Young is pastor. There was another confession on August 6.